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In a LETTER to
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Now a Prisoner in the
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SIR,

IF you have leasure enough upon your Hands during the hurry of Visitants, (amongst whom, you have the Honour to number the D----e and D——ess of *M*——*gh*) to turn over the Account *Procopius Cæsariensis* gives of *Theodorick*, King of the *Goths*; you will find there that one *Leucippus* a Subject of his, that very much resembles a late Treasurer of the Navy, and who had been a great Instrument of Impeaching *Boetius* the Philosopher, for speaking too freely of some Practices at Court, was once in high Reputation with that Prince, and possess'd of Places of great Importance.

This *Leucippus* was likewiſe a very Notable Spokesman in the Senate, and deliver'd himſelf there, always with an Air of Vehemence, that is, peculiar to the Gentleman above mention'd upon all Occaſions, eſpecially at the Tryal of *Boetius*, who in *Theodorick*'s Preſence was adjudg'd to Die, for Aſſerting *Theodoricks* Right and Title, to an Implicite Obedience from all his Subjects. But tho' a prevailing Faction at that time, made this miſled Prince give into their Schemes ſo far, as to acquieſce under the Sentence that was paſs'd againſt the Philoſopher, and tell his Senators that the Tryal had *taken up a neceſſary Part of their Time*, yet he took from thence an Opportunity of looking into their Proceedings, and of being convinc'd that ſuch as ſtood up in Defence of Reſiſtance to the Supreme Authority, could not in any wiſe be well wiſhers to his. When therefore things were Ripe for an Alteration, and he diſcover'd the Inclinations of his People to be more and more for a change of the Miniſtry, he rid his Hands by degrees of all his Evil Counſellors, amongſt whom *Leucippus* made one. But ſtill he held his Dignity of being a Senator; when a time came for exami-

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examining into paſt Occurrences, and ſearching into the Behaviour of ſuch as by holding the Reins of Government, next to *Theodorick*, had amaſs'd great Wealth to themſelves. Not that *Leucippus* is to be rank'd with Offenders of this Claſs, for he had a Lady that was very profuſe, and a Temper of his own that was conformable to hers, but as he had his ſhare in the Corruptions of that Adminiſtration, ſo he was likewiſe to be accountable for it, and being found tardy with *Odoacer*, *Theodorick*'s General, who for doing great Service againſt the *Romans*, was only diſmiſs'd from his Employments, was expell'd the Senate and committed Priſoner to one of the Caſtles that defend the Entrance into the Port of *Naples*. His Crime was for robbing the publick of many hundred *Centenaries* of Gold, and abuſing the Truſt that had been repos'd in him by his Maſter, who conſulted the Eaſe of his People, that groan'd under the Burthen of a long and expenſive War with the Emperor *Juſtinian*.

Theſe Proceedings againſt him, alarm'd ſuch as were guilty of the ſame enormous Practices; and there was not One of the Faction that were in the Intereſt of the

depos'd Miniſtry, but took part with him, and made his Caſe their own, in exclaiming againſt the Injuſtice of his *Expulſion* and *Confinement*.

Odoacer, for his part, was not wanting, to give Proofs of his Eſteem for the Criminal, and his Contempt of the Authority which had ſo juſtly cenſur'd him; wherefore he made it his Buſineſs, with the other Principals of the *Ruin'd Party*, to give out among the Vulgar, who are apt to commiſerate ſuch as are ſaid to be Innocent, that his Confinement was only the Act and Deed of a Set of Men, who were Enemies to *Liberty* and *Property*; and that, tho' the Priſoner had actually been brib'd, the Preſent he had taken was no more than a PERQUISITE belonging to his Office.

There was likewiſe another Amuſement thought neceſſary to catch their Eyes with, and that was a fine Appearance of the Diſſaffected Nobility and Gentry, at the Caſtle, as Viſitants, becauſe thoſe Admirers of Noiſe and Tinſel, would be apt to conclude, from the Numbers and Quality of ſuch as hugg'd and careſs'd him, that

that this and that Great Man would never eſpouſe his Cauſe, was he really guilty of what was laid to his charge. Accordingly he never ſat down to Dinner, but his Table was crouded with the Heads of the Faction, and Perſons of the greateſt Diſtinction among the Male-contents: Upon which, a Parcel of unthinking Creatures, condemn'd the Rigour of his Accuſers, and gave out, That *Leucippus* had done nothing but the Duties of his Poſt; and was only ſent thither by a *Prevailing Party* in the *Senate Houſe*, out of Envy to his great Abilities, and the inviolable Fidelity which he had always ſhewn to his King and Country.

Theodorick was told of all theſe Proceedings, and took a time to ſhew his Reſentment that would otherwiſe have went no further than his Impriſonment. In the firſt Place, he conven'd the Priſoner before the proper Judges of Criminal Affairs, by whom he was adjudg'd to Die, not only for what he ſtood committed, but Evil Practices againſt the Government. Which Sentence being put in Execution, he afterwards caus'd his Companions one and all to be apprehended and committed to the

ſame Place, from whence Death had releas'd the Vain and Inſolent *Leucippus*. This Act of Prudence and Juſtice baffled and Defeated an intended Conſpiracy that was juſt ready to break out, and the Reſidue of that Princes Reign was ſecure and undiſturb'd by any popular Commotions.

How ſevere ſoever this Action of *Theodorick* may ſeem, the neceſſity of thoſe times required it, and tho' a *Barbarian* Prince is not to be imitated by a Chriſtian, who is to Act according to the Laws of his Country, not the Dictates of an uncontroulable and abſolute Will; yet it is not long ſince, when, you know who, mov'd in the Houſe of Commons, *That care ſhould be taken to prevent any Miſchiefs which might ariſe from the Number of Men of Faſhion and Diſtinction, that Viſited Dr.* Sacheverel *during his Confinement at the Meſſengers of Parliament*, and made no ſcruple to declare and lay it down for an Undoubted Truth before that Honourable Aſſembly, *That it was a downright Inſult on the Repreſentatives of the Nation, as well as the Juſtice of the Government then in being, to make an Idol of one that was Obnoxious to the Diſpleaſure of both.*

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That Reverend Perſon, as I take it, was accus'd of matters that wore a much better Complexion than yours, and had things laid to his Charge, not only which he knew not, but his Soul had an Abhorrence of. He like the good *Boetius* in the preceeding Story was brought to his Tryal, for ſtanding up in Defence of that Prince, and that Religion which God and the Conſtitution of the Land had rendred Sacred and Irreproachable, and if that Tryal of his did not end with *Boetius* his Puniſhment, the Succeſs of it was no ways owing to your, or the reſt of your Brother Managers, good Nature, who would have had little leſs than Death inflicted on Him. You like the Baſe and Unworthy *Leucippus*, not content with the Juſt dues of Two very valuable Places, which amounted to more than 6000 *l. per Annum*, nor ſatisfied with the Bounties of a Gracious and Indulgent Miſtreſs, ſtand committed for making Sale of the Favour of your Prince, and Sacrificing the Publick Wealth to your own private Intreſt. He Adviſed, Perſuaded, Entreated and Conjur'd his Acquaintance not to be too numerous and frequent in their Viſits to him, during his being under the

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Diſpleaſure of the Houſe of Commons, leſt he might thereby be render'd more and more Obnoxious to their further Reſentment, even while he was Innocent, and had done what might have had a juſt Claim to the Thanks of Parliament. You with all the Circumſtances of Guilt, and detected, in the moſt Publick manner, upon Oath, for taking Bribes to Defraud your Country, not only ſend out Circular Letters to Invite your Friends to Congregate together at your Apartment in the *Tower*, but Iſſue out Bills of Fare to increaſe their Number by the Variety and Delicaſie of the Entertainment that is provided for them. Lords, Ladies, Knights, Squires, Pimps, Cuckolds, Deiſts, Atheiſts and Pandars, are continually regaled by you; and it's a Matter of ſurprize among the Warders, if leſs than Twenty Coaches in a Day have been to pay their Devoirs to Mr. *Walpole*; ſo that the Difference is as wide between the Doctor's Behaviour and Yours, as there is between the Cauſes of your Commitment, and it is one Thing to have the Marks of Reſpect and Approbation, ſhewn to a Perſon of his Unblameable Character, and another to be diſtinguiſh'd and Applauded as You are,

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for acting what is neither Conſonant to Law nor Goſpel.

Oh but! ſay they, that are intereſted in your Vindication, and have had a fellow-feeling with the *Secretary* of the Domeſtick Diſpatches, who out of reſpect to the QUEEN's *Birth-Day*, on that Aniverſary, paid a Viſit to you in *deep Mourning*, Mr. *Walpole did not take a Farthing of the Money, he ſtands charg'd with, for his own uſe, but that of another.* Suppoſe not, are you therefore leſs criminal, than if it had actually been your own? If the Axiom holds good, *Qui facit per alterum facit per ſe*, it will likewiſe be verified in changing the *Prepoſition* into *pro*, and the *Accuſative* into the *Ablative Caſe*, and all that can be alledg'd in your behalf, cannot extenuate the Miſdemeanour; ſince, to be an *Abettor* to fraudulent Practices, nay more, to be a *Principal* in receiving the Money, for conniving at them, is as culpable, as if that Money had been converted to your own uſe, or ſet aſide for that *Patern* of *Humility*, your good Lady's *Pin-Money*. For, as in Murther, there are no *Acceſſaries*, ſo, in Crimes of ſuch a Nature, *as robbing the Publick*, every individual Perſon, that has the

the leaſt knowledge of ſuch impious Abuſes, ought to be cenſur'd and puniſh'd, as if an actual Sharer in the Profits ariſing from it.

That you have done ſome Things regular and well, in a juſt Diſpoſition of the Accounts of the Navy, that you have rendred no Places venal, and have exemplified your Behaviour in the diſpoſal of Offices under you, without Fee or Reward, is praiſe worthy; but as theſe are far from being Works of Supererogation, and were only the Duties of the Poſt you ſtood poſſeſs'd of, ſo they fall infinitely ſhort of holding you excus'd for any Act, either of commiſſion or omiſſion, that is contrary to them. If One of the Kings of *Perſia* diſmiſs'd a *Mandarin* from his Service, even after he had been a victorious General in reducing ſeveral Provinces to his Maſter's Obedience, only for taking *Two Eggs* from a poor Peaſant; what Puniſhment doth he deſerve, that by taking Nine hundred Guineas, in all probability, has occaſion'd the publick to be robb'd of many Thouſands? If *Ariſtides*, a good and great Man was baniſh'd his Country for ſuppos'd Miſ-applications; and *Scipio* underwent

derwent the ſame Fate amongſt the *Romans*, for a Crime of the ſame nature, even after he had extended the Limits of that Empire to a greater degree than any One General before; what ſhall be done to that Man, amongſt the *Britains*, who, in other Caſes, inſtance in Examples from the Ancients, that ſtands adjudg'd of being guilty of Bribery, without any of their Merits or paſt Services to atone or make ſatisfaction for it?

Not that I would, in the leaſt, leſſen, or take from your Capacity of being very ſerviceable to the Publick, whenſoever you ſhall pleaſe, or the Abilities you are Maſter of, both in your Repreſentative Qualification, as a Senator, or your Intuitive, as a States-man: But I muſt take the liberty of telling you, That to boaſt of the Number and Quality of your Viſitants, by the means of your Adherents, and have it inſerted in the *Whig-News-Papers*, that they are allow'd to *wear their Swords too in the Tower*, (a Privilege that for ſome Years has been allowed to all Comers and Goers) and privately give out, That a Great Miniſter has ſent you a Compliment of Condoleance, and a Promiſe of being re-inſtated

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in the *Queen* and *Parliament*'s Favour, is a Preſumption peculiar to Gentlemen of your Kidney.

I might add to this, an unpardonable Miſtake in *Politicks*, (I wiſh it would not bear a harſher Name) in defying the Power of the Houſe of Commons, by ſetting up as *Candidate* for the ſame *Bourough*, from *Diſſerving* of which you have been ſo *laudably* expell'd; but as the Gentlemen who have not thought fit to have you ſit among you any longer, will undoubtedly refuſe to admit you, according to many Precedents entered in their *Journals*, ſo I ſhall trouble my ſelf little about that; and only acquaint you, that your Judgment is as much called in queſtion thereupon, as your Sincerity, in the Caſe for which you are now a Priſoner.

What remains for me, is, to leave my Deſires with you, rather to humble your ſelf under your preſent Misfortune, than to take occaſion from thence of inſulting thoſe who have Authority enough to go much farther Lengths with you, than a bare Commitment; and to entreat you to adviſe thoſe who call themſelves your

Friends,

Friends, to project other Meaſures, than what muſt certainly tend to your much greater Mortification. Since to give out, That this and that Perſon of Quality's Coach ſtood at your Priſon-Door, at ſuch a Time, may give occaſion to enquire, *What you are put into Priſon for?* which, in my poor Opinion, cannot redound much to your Credit, unleſs BRIBERY gets into as much eſteem as it did under a late *Male-Adminiſtration*, and thoſe are diſpoſeſs'd of Power, who now make the Nation happy.

Which is all from,

SIR,

Your Well-wiſher, and

Very humble Servant,

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